

Claim 9, **Line 1:** Delete "any one of claims 2 to 8" and insert --claim 2--.

Line 4: Delete "calined" and insert --calcined--.

Claim 10, **Line 1:** Delete "any one of claims 2 to 9" and insert --claim 2--.

Line 2: Delete "formed by" and insert --consisting of--.

Claim 11, **Line 1:** Delete "any one of claims 2 to 10" and insert --claim 2--.

Claim 12, **Line 1:** Delete "any one of claims 1 to 11" and insert --claim 2--.

Claim 13, **Line 1:** Delete "any one of claims 1 to 12" and insert --claim 1--.

Please add the following claims:

14. A process according to claim 9, in which the catalyst of step a) comprises a total concentration of oxides of metals from groups VIB and VIII in the range of about 5% to 40% by weight, with a ratio between the metal (or metals) from group VI and the metal (or metals) from group VIII, expressed as the metal oxides, of about 20 to 1 by weight.

15. A process according to claim 9, in which the matrix of the catalyst for step d) is selected from the group consisting of alumina, silica, silica-alumina, alumina-boron oxide, magnesia, silica-magnesia, zirconia, titanium oxide and clay, these compounds being used alone or as a mixture.

16. A process according to claim 9, in which the catalyst for step d) comprises a total concentration of oxides of metals from groups VIB and VIII in the range from about 1% to 40% by weight, the ratio between the group VI metal (or metals) and the group VIII metal (or metals), expressed as the metal oxides, being in the range about 20 to 1.25 by weight, and the concentration of phosphorous oxides being less than about 15% by weight.

17. A process according to claim 15, in which the catalyst for step d) comprises a total concentration of oxides of metals from groups VIB and VIII in the range from about 1% to 40% by weight, the ratio between the group VI metal (or metals) and the group VIII metal (or metals),